GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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MEETING OF INDO PAK JOINT STUDY GROUP
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

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(a) Whether the meeting of India-Pakistan joint study group on strengthening economic ties was held in the month of October,2005;

(b) If so, the main points discussed in the said meeting and the outcome thereof;

(c) whether several areas were identified for co-operation between the two countries;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether all the agreements reached earlier have been fully implemented; and

(f) if not, the reasons for the same?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI E. AHAMED)

(a) to (f): During the Commerce Secretary level talks held within the framework of Composite Dialogue from August 9 to 10, 2005, it was decided that the second meeting of the India-Pakistan Joint Study Group (JSG) would be convened at an early date in Islamabad. The JSG meeting would be preceded by the meeting of the Sub-Groups on Non-Tariff Barriers (NTBs) and Customs Cooperation and Trade Facilitation to formulate recommendations for consideration by the JSG. Pakistan has however not proposed any dates for the Joint Study Group meeting so far.